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In re Application of:

Patrick J. Phillips et al.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent application:

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/825,814  
(Attorney Docket No. 2001P05847US, Filed April 3, 2001)

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/136,935  
(Attorney Docket No. 2001P23424US, Filed May 1, 2002)

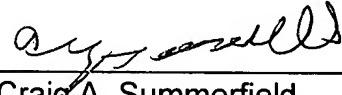
U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/176,274  
(Attorney Docket No. 2002P05488US, Filed June 20, 2002)

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/077,499  
(Attorney Docket No. 2001P20914US, Filed February 15, 2002)

Applicants believe that this application either alone or in combination with the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this application and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citations to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). A copy of the above-referenced application is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in  
the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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#### **OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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	A8	"Optimized Receive Filters and Phase-Coded Pulse Sequences for Contrast Agent and Nonlinear Imaging," by W. Wilkening, B. Brendel, H. Hiang, J. Lazenby and H. Ermert; 2001 IEEE Ultrasonics Symposium; pgs. 1733-1737.

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